



# The Good Times Start Here

## JOE Barbershopper

Over 50 area barbershoppers and guests from as far as Duluth came to the Eagles 3208 to hear and learn from Bruce Odell of Winona the first Saturday of March.



This one day crash course in how to improve your singing was both pertinent and entertaining. If you didn't learn anything else you should have understood that it only takes a little dedication and enthusiasm to sound better.

ably were not there. Now its up to us to own that space on the riser we occupy each week. If we can't 'learn to sing better every week we may as well go bowling'.

If you weren't motivated by Bruce's enthusiasm you prob-



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### DATES to Remember

- Don't forget to sign up for these events
- Dist Conv -May 1-3
- Comedy Contest-May 12
- Perf-North Oaks 5/27/09
- Mini-HEP Jun 19th
- TWINS -Sun-Aug 16th
- Wives Trip-Sep 18
- Breezy Point
- FISHING Trip
- canceled

## Sunshine Notes

Ron Schoeneman moved to Martin Luther Manor, 1401 E. 100th Street, Bloomington in February. Stop in and visit if you can. He enjoys company and misses the opportunity to sing with us.

Gene Tietze is a permanent resident at the Masonic Home in Bloomington and always likes visitors.

Tom Tierney is recovering at home. Give him a call.

If you have news about others, please forward it to me for sharing here.



## Heeere's Wayne Rasmussen

Yes, I'm a transplanted Iowan, but I've been in the Twin Cities so long the Iowa jokes have become humorous. You most likely have never heard of Quasqueton on the Wapsipinicon, but it does exist. In fact there's an Iowa State Park there which features a summer home built by Frank Lloyd Wright.

My youth was spent in Waterloo, Iowa and Dodge Co, Minnesota in the summers. Dodge Co is where I met my wife Marilyn. We married after my four years in the USAF (1956-1960) and then spent several years at Iowa State University in Ames, IA. That's where we met the Heddings in 1961 and have maintained that friendship for 48 years. I served a tour in Japan with Russ Settevig in 1959 & 1960 so that friendship goes back even further.

It was in 1970 after the Heddings moved to Minnesota that Jim coerced me to try 4-part acapella singing and I haven't stopped.

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## New Tux Shirts

New white, pleated tux shirts will be purchased from Penney's soon. Please get your shirt size to Ray ASAP (neck size and sleeve length). The cost is \$30 for the shirt, cummerbund, tie and studs. It comes as a package. All chorus members will need one. No exceptions.

Shoes (Patten dress) are also available from Penney's at \$30 per pair currently. (Reg \$60)

Get yourself ready to perform with the chorus on stage. Uniformity is required.

These prices will go up later to \$60.

Ray Buttschau 952-829-1832 or [buttschau@aol.com](mailto:buttschau@aol.com)

## Philosophy of sex

"I believe that sex is one of the most beautiful, natural, wholesome things that money can buy."

--Tom Clancy

"You know "that look" women get when they want sex? Me neither."

--Steve Martin

"Having sex is like playing bridge. If you don't have a good partner, you'd better have a good hand."

--Woody Allen

"There are a number of mechanical devices which increase sexual arousal, particularly in women. Chief among these is the Mercedes-Benz 380SL."

--Lynn Lavner

"Sex is one of the nine reasons for reincarnation. The other eight are unimportant."

--George Burns

"Women complain about premenstrual syndrome, but I think of it as the only time of the month that I can be myself."

-- Roseanne

"Sex at age 90 is like trying to shoot pool with a rope."

--George Burns

## Performance

**Presbyterian Home, North Oaks**

**Wed, May 27, 2009**

5919 Centerville Road, North Oaks, MN 55127

## For Serious Golfers

One fine day, John and Charlie are out golfing. John slices his ball deep into a wooded ravine. He grabs his 7-iron and proceeds down the embankment into the ravine in search of his ball. The brush is quite thick, but he searches diligently and suddenly he spots something shiny. As he gets closer, he realizes that the shiny object is in fact a 7-iron in the hands of a skeleton lying near an old golf ball.

John excitedly calls out to his golfing partner: "Hey Charlie! Come here. I've got some trouble down here."

Charlie comes running over to the edge of the ravine and calls out: "What's the matter, John? Is everything okay?"

John shouts back in a nervous voice: "Throw me my 8-iron! Apparently you can't get out of here with a seven."

**Make this your soapbox. Contribute to the newsletter and tell us what you think can be done to improve our music and increase our membership.**



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I should add that this was my first singing experience ever. My four children were raised with barbershop activities as part of their lives, but it never quite got them totally involved. There were a few cameo appearances in annual shows for the kids and some lasting friendships, however.

My career and Marilyn's included 34/35 years with the University of Minnesota. I was a systems programmer in the Biostatistics Division and Marilyn was the administrator at the Veterinary School, hence we got to car pool much of that time. Of course little league sports and long days sometimes interfered with our schedules.

My barbershopping duties have included at least seven years as president, many years as newsletter editor, show chairman and most of the other positions on the board at least once or twice. Quarteting only began after retirement when the Wizards of Ahhs began singing Valentines in 2003. In spite of the harassment from our baritone it's been an enjoyable experience I would not trade.

Start a quartet and the entire chorus will benefit.

**Publication deadline is loosely set as the second Tuesday of every month. Extra issues may be published if situations demand immediate circulation.**

**Tell us about yourself or an event related to barbershopping which may be of interest.**

## **Guest Quartet**

***A local Sweet Adeline quartet, Espresso will perform for us on April 21st. Please be on time and ready to perform for them as well.***

## **2009 Show Chair**

Steve (Judge) Aldrich has agreed to be our show chairman for 2009. Thanks, Steve.

When asked to help, please don't be reticent. It takes an entire chapter to put together a meaningful event. Do your part and learn the new music. Make all the rehearsals you possibly can.

**SING for the TWINS game  
SUNDAY—AUG 16th, 2009**

**Contact: Ken Slinde**

**gnubass@comcast.net**

**952.884.4975**

***Bloomington  
Good Times Chorus  
Eagles Aeries 3208  
Old Shakopee & Old Cedar***



**NOVICE quartets only**

**Tues-  
day  
May 12  
2009**



**Prizes  
  
Cash  
Bar**



**RULES ??**

**2009 Entry Form**

**Quartet Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Tel** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lead** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tenor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bass** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bari** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit to**

**Tuesday May 12th @**

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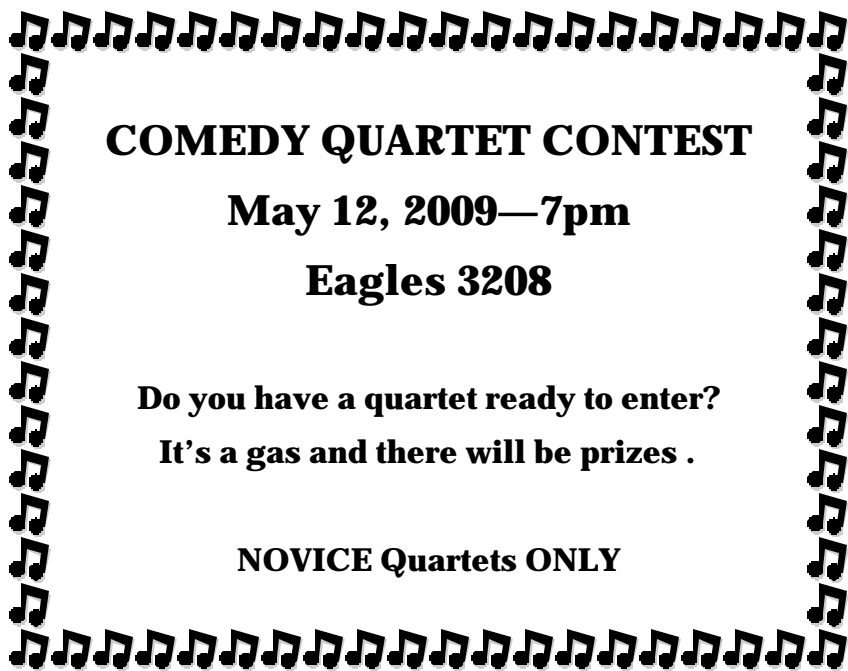
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[www.sing4u.com](http://www.sing4u.com)



**COMEDY QUARTET CONTEST**  
**May 12, 2009—7pm**  
**Eagles 3208**

**Do you have a quartet ready to enter?**  
**It's a gas and there will be prizes .**

**NOVICE Quartets ONLY**

Area Shows

St Croix Valley—April 18th— Stillwater

June 14th—GNU—Hilltop

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**Come to the POINT**  
**Spring Convention, International Prelims & Packerland Division Contest**  
**May 1-3, 2009 Stevens Point, WI**  
**See your *Pitchpiper* for registration details**

### Wayne's World of Digital

<http://public.fotki.com/waynelr6/barbershop/showtime-1/showtime-2008/>

[http://public.fotki.com/waynelr6/ barbershop/](http://public.fotki.com/waynelr6/barbershop/)

<http://waynelr.smugmug.com/> *Personal photo site*

<http://www.sing4u.com/> **Chapter website** maintained by Bob Breid

<http://www.sing4me.net/> **Singing Valentines**